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ARREST OF GYULA HEGYI PRESAGES NATIONAL SPORT OFFICE PURGE -- Munich, Hungaria, 12 Jan 51

State Secretary Gyula Hegyi, President of the National Sport Office, has been arrested and taken to Stalin ut 60. Ten days after he disappeared, Hegyi's family was notified that he was in the hands of the BAH. It is reported that the arrest of Hegyi marks the beginning of the liquidation of the entire peoples sport front. Sport leaders are in a state of anxiety because it is well known that Hegyi knew nothing of politics and never interfered in political affairs. Thus, the arrest of other leaders on any pretext can be expected momentarily.

Before the war, Hegyi was an official of the Budapest Waterworks and the coach and later vice-president of the Social-Democrat "Vasas" soccer team. He retained both positions even when, on the order of the Ministry of the Interior, the name "Vasas" had to be changed and the soccer club was forced to become a social association. At the end of 1946, Hegyi played the club into the hands of the Communists, at an election meeting and the "Vasas" has been a leading Communist association sice 1947.

This act paved the way for Hegyi to join the Communist Perty, and he later became director of the National Sport Office with the rank of state secretary.

Gyula Hegyi's elder brother, Imre Hegyi was relieved of this position during the course of the social democratic purges.

CALLS JULIA ERDEI SEMILITERATE -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 13 Jan 51.

Julia Erdei, member of the executive committee of the Vacz District Council, can hardly read or write. In 1943, she informed on Miksa Polonyi, Budapest businessman, who had escaped from a train bound for Russia and was hiding in Budapest. Polonyi was arrested and was not seen again. Following the Russian occupation, Julia Erdei had been employed by a steel mill where she engaged in agitation activity and later became a Stakhanovite. After a long search, a relative of Polonyi

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discovered Julia Erdei and reported her to the authorities. However, she was released by the party after 2 days detention and continues her party activities as the vice-president of Vacz chapter and member of the national board of presidents of MSZT (Hungarian Soviet Society).

ISTUAN KISS FOLLOWS PARTY LINE -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorsasgrol, 13 Jan 51

In 1949, Istvan Kiss had no idea he would be elected a member of the Karad council. Since he was not inclined to give his land to the kolkhoz, the local party organization began to harass him threaten him with imprisonment. However, he was put up for election by the party in 1950 to show that "the independent peasant is with us, too." The cooperative gathered Kiss' crops in August, and he spent his time appearing in propaganda tours and giving speeches on how good the lot of even the "reactionary" peasant is in Hungary.

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